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Dear Dr. Pforzheimer:

Many, many thanks for such a productive and enjoyable meeting yesterday. Your description of the events leading up to congressional passage of the National Security Act provided precisely the type of material I was looking for to supplement the written record. And as an added benefit for me, your recollections made for an absolutely fascinating day in which business quickly spilled over into pleasure. Please be assured of my deep appreciation for your willingness to instruct a neophyte in the inner workings of these affairs.

The cultivation of [redacted] with its sudden triumphant denouement, constituted a real coup for both you and the Agency. As you rightly recognized, it would have been criminal not to get that episode in the record. STAT

Moreover, in addition to elucidating the mysteries of past events for me, you filled me with good food and good drink--neither necessary, but both all the more appreciated. Similarly, your decision to have Mr. Houston join us was an inspired one. All in all, I can only say that if every interviewee were like you, my job would be a relatively simple one.

As I threatened yesterday, I should like to contact you soon about arranging a second interview. However, I shall wait until both of us have had time to study the transcript of yesterday's session. I shall get that off to you as soon as it is ready.

Again, warmest thanks for meeting with me and for being so open and helpful. I look forward to another round in the not-so-distant future.

Sincerely yours,

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